

Sincerely,

Mr. Willie Thorpe  
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Dayton, Ohio 45439

**From:** Phil Fox  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri. Apr 11, 2003 4:28 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Copps,  
  
 mcopps@fcc.gov

Please let this letter serve as my formal complaint and objection to any pending FCC rulings which may lift restriction's on mergers between N broadcast networks and the number of local N o r radio stations owned by one company. Such deregulation threatens to further stifle the diversity of programming for consumers, advertisers and producers. One of the main charges of the FCC is to promote diversity, which doesn't just refer to people of color, it refers to many different types of programming. We applaud you Commissioner Copps for attempting to draw attention to this problem. I would like to go on record as being opposed to increased or further media deregulation and wish for you to act on my behalf and STOP further media deregulation.

Respectfully yours,

Phil Fox  
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**From:** amjbar28@earthlink.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 11, 2003 5:05 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell  
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Washington, DC 20554

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From: Toni Novak  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 7:41 PM  
**Subject:** proposed rule changes

I oppose changes in rules affecting consolidation and merging of media companies. There are too few independent voices. The major media corporations look and sound exactly alike. We need more choices, not less. Many homes still do not have computers and cannot access the Internet. We need the ability to have more than one company managing the news in each community. Fewer media outlets means more propaganda, more censorship, and less access to the truth. Some media outlets, like Clear Channel are censoring musical artists. This is Un-American. Toni Novak, Healdsburg, CA

**From:** rj\_vanderbilt@hotmail.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 12, 2003 12:54 AM  
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From: bobbie figy  
To: Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 12, 2003 2:42 AM  
Subject: Concentration of media ownership

Aloha Mr. Powell:

I would like to say our country has already gone too far in concentrating ownership of media, especially in those of most interest to me: radio, tv and newspapers. Many arguments could be made in this direction. The one most crucial to me is the necessity of having a great diversity of opinions to support our democracy. Without choices from which to choose we will lose our ways to our social and political ideals.

Mahalo (thanks),  
Bob Figy

From: robmay@accessus.net  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 9:19 AM  
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From: MBa6453@aol.com  
To: mpowell@fss.gov  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 12:08 PM  
Subject: the end of regulation limiting ownership of media

The airwaves are owned by the public, for the benefit of the public. Therefore making more changes that will concentrate ownership and control into the hands of a very few corporations run counter to the constitutional foundations of our country. We should have a government that serves the people, " by the people for the people", and not for the appointed few to hand monopoly power to a few corporate hands that do not act in the interest or well being of a democratic society. We already see a degrading of the quality of news and entertainment due to prior deregulation. You will effectively destroy what little diversity, local control and editorial independence there is left. Radio has been a basket case for some years now due to your efforts. The only radio choices we have are 30 year old shock jocks with dirty minds and the maturity of 8 year olds. Music is nothing but bland or oldies. God help any artist that would try to be heard. Politically we are on life support instead of news or editorial comment we get screaming extreme confrontationists and no discussion of the real issues. Thanks for selling yourselves and the rest of the country out of free speech. J Bardis Tulsa OK

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To: Commissioner Adelstein  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 12:11 PM  
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**From:** Mike Gormley  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 12, 2003 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** Media Consolidation

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From: joethekid@earthlink.net  
To: Michael Copps  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 6:56 PM  
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Copps;

This is to let you know that I support your stance on prohibiting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcasting outlets in the same communities by media giants.

Sincerely,

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From: jwinegardner@igc.org  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 7:22 PM  
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From: dave mcsparran  
To: Michael Copps  
Date: Sun, Apr 13, 2003 6:10 AM  
Subject: ckear channel, etc.

i have listened to a radio station, kroq in los angeles for more than 20 years. i can't listen to it anymore because, apparently, some company has bought it that programs the music, or is somehow paid to play the music that they play. this is sickening. companies like clearchannel have been the death of radio. this trend toward deregulation is destroyng radio. please stop this. we need localism and freedom in the media, not more control by market driven corporate entities. please do what you can to stop deregulation of media ownership, and bring back more local control of content.

dave mcsparran